

COUNTY OF OAKLAND
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MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD



June 17, 2013

The Honorable Hugh Crawford, Chairman
House Regulatory Reform Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Crawford:

I am writing in support of changes to the Scrap Metal Theft laws in Michigan. This is an issue that is affecting law enforcement agencies across the state and needs proper regulation to ensure that criminals are not abusing the system.

While there has been debate over the different bill packages introduced on this issue, I am supportive of the overall concept of reform and much needed revision to an outdated statute. There is a need for more efficient oversight that will eliminate the criminal activity associated with scrap metal thieves, but must be proposed in a way that is business friendly and does not negatively affect the scrap metal businesses that contribute to our economy.

I am hopeful that through thoughtful and productive conversation, that a good compromise can be met on this issue to benefit all those being affected by these illegal activities. During the legislative process, I am more than willing to participate in any workgroup sessions that may be planned. Please do not hesitate to contact me on this issue or any law enforcement issue that comes before you in committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Bouchard".

Michael J. Bouchard
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF